

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday November 25th 2001**

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## **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

Tipperary Amateur Radio group wish to draw your attention to the following changes in the groups activities. As and from the first Sunday in December the IRTS Radio News bulletin on 2 metres and 70 cm will be broadcast at 8:30 pm local time. Transmission frequencies are 433.450 MHz and 145.450 MHz.

Also from December the monthly meetings of TARG will be held on the first Thursday of every month and the next meeting will be held on Thursday the 6th of December at 8 pm in Raheen House Hotel Clonmel and visitors are always welcome.

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## **WAI Activity**

Last weekend saw a lot of activity on the WAI frequency 7.068 MHz. Brendan EI6IZ did a mobile run in Co Galway and Mayo while Paddy EI7GK and Fergus EI6IB activated squares around Lough Allen, doing some rare squares in Cavan and Leitrim. There were 20 stations on the list to work the mobiles. Noel EI6HW was the net controller. The WAI counties award requires all 32 counties be worked in the year 2001. Many WAI hunters need only 1 or 2 counties to achieve all 32 needed. Many are trying to achieve the award working only fixed stations. Some of the counties in short supply include Offaly, Laois, Waterford, Meath, Cavan, Sligo, Monaghan and Carlow. If you live in one of these counties please call into the WAI net on 7.068 MHz on Sunday morning after the Nuacht at 11.30, you will be in great demand, and may qualify some stations for the award.

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## **Contest Dates Confusion**

There has been major confusion internationally about the dates for the forthcoming ARRL sponsored Top Band and 10 Metre contests. It has all got to do with the definition of the 'first full weekend', which up to this year has been understood to mean the first Saturday and Sunday of a month. This year, the ARRL Top Band Contest, which starts on the Friday night at 2200, will be held on the 7th, 8th and 9th of December and not the week previous as generally understood outside the U.S. Consequently the ARRL 10 Metre contest also goes back a week to the weekend of

the 15th and 16th of December.

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### **IRTS Committee Meeting**

The next committee meeting of the IRTS will take place on Saturday the 15th of December at 11 am in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The next general meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Wednesday the 28th of November at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. Anyone interested in going to the Christmas ?night out? are asked to attend this meeting. All are welcome.

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### **Russia sticks with the code**

The Russian Federation believes there are good reasons for the Amateur Service to continue with Morse code as a licence requirement for operation below 30 MHz, and intends to make no change to its domestic licence conditions.

It has told the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) that while it supports changes to ITU Radio Regulation s25 on qualifications for radio amateurs, it considers they should include the code.

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### **International Space Station**

ISS will have a new set of Amateur Radio antennas soon. The antennas are expected to be transported to ISS soon and will be installed around the perimeter of the Service Module allowing future operation from HF to microwave frequencies. The HF antenna is made up of a flexible tape that will work on 10 meters with the future possibility of 15 and 20 metres. Pictures of the antenna are available at [www.marex-na.org/fileshtml/galleryantenna.html](http://www.marex-na.org/fileshtml/galleryantenna.html)

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### **Historic Transmission Anniversary**

The 100th Anniversary of Marconi's Historic Trans-Atlantic transmission Amateur

Radio operators from the Marconi Radio Club, W1AA and The Falmouth Amateur Radio Association are making plans to celebrate a Marconi world historical event. December 12th, 2001 will mark the 100th anniversary of the first Trans-Atlantic radio transmission by Guglielmo Marconi. That signal was a series of "S S S" transmitted on CW across the Atlantic from Poldhu, Cornwall England to St John's, Newfoundland. The Marconi Radio Club will be using the call sign W1AA/CC and will be operating from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, U.S.A. the location of Marconi's 1903 Trans-Atlantic radio station. Marconi's 1903 call sign was "C C". See the following link for times, frequencies and modes of operation for W1AA/CC.  
[www.qrz.com/database?callsign=W1AA](http://www.qrz.com/database?callsign=W1AA)

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